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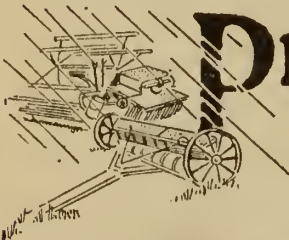
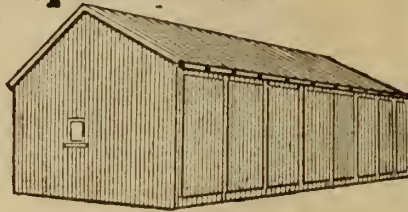
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Line Companies Sign New Agreement With Wheat Pool

(By Pool Publicity Department)

Practically all the line elevator companies have signed agreements within the last couple of weeks to handle Pool wheat. The former agreement between the Pool and these elevator companies expired Sept. 1 and a new agreement was negotiated. A full list of the companies signing the agreement cannot be given in this issue but will appear in the October 1st issue of *The U.F.A.*

"In the last analysis noble writing is based on noble thinking, and all else is as ephemeral as thistle-down."—Mimnermus.

News of U.F.A. Locals

The picnic held on Labor Day by Rocky Rapids U.F.A. Local was well attended, states a report from the secretary, O. K. Topstad. "The hall game was won by Rocky Rapids, winning from Drayton Valley 9-2. Donald MacLeod, M.L.A.-elect, made the address of the day, and outlined the policy he would follow in the Legislature. He was accorded a warm welcome. Messrs. Ramstad, Topstad and W. C. Smith also spoke, praising the good work being done by the U.F.A. Lunch was served by the ladies, and then the sports were held for two hours, all the children having a fine time. The picnic closed with the singing of the national anthem."

Chas. Horne, secretary of Lake Isle U.F.A. Local, reports that a very enjoyable picnic was held under the auspices of the U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. Local at Lake Isle on August 16th. "For the first time we were honored in having a cabinet minister address us, in the person of Hon. G. Hoadley; also our local M.L.A., Donald MacLeod. Mr. Hoadley spoke on agriculture and health, and everyone enjoyed his address, from the way they gave their attention. The hall game was won by the Magnolia team, who received the prize of \$10. In the evening an enjoyable dance was held in the Hall. This was the first U.F.A. picnic to be held at Lake Isle for a number of years, but we hope to have them annually from now on and we sincerely hope to see more Locals represented in the future."

HIGHLAND GATHERING

With golden grain stocked in the fields and one of those rare lulls in farm work offering, many citizens of rural Alberta took advantage of the fine weather to motor to Banff for the fourth Highland gathering, at the holiday week-end. Scots from Hong-Kong to Montreal, and from Los Angeles to Australia were among the many thousands who took part in and watched the fine display of sportsmanship, and the Scottish dancing.

From the four corners of the Province came the MacPhersons and the Stuarts, the MacGregors and MacKenzies, wearing the plaids and tartans of their respective clans. Then the skirling of the bag-pipes echoing through valley and mountain side, presenting a vivid picture of bonny Scotland in this new land.

Alberta took a high place in sports, with many of the prizes going to Calgary, Edmonton, Medicine Hat, Lethbridge and a number of smaller towns. Sports on the whole were of a much higher calibre than in previous years.

Murray Gibbon, in charge of the C.P.R. festivals and writer of note, was present and presided at the last of three interesting evening concerts, at which the finest of Scottish music, including a Burns cantata, was sung and played by leading Canadian artists, under the direction of Mr. Harold Eustace Key, Music director for the Company.

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ALBERTA FARMERS' RESPONSIBILITY

The whole future of the Farmers' Movement in Western Canada depends upon the loyalty to one another of the farmers who by their Wheat Pool contracts pledged themselves to their fellow farmers. The Wheat Pool is the greatest economic achievement of the organized farmers. With its success are bound up the farmers' hopes of progress in many fields. Upon Alberta farmers as the pioneers of the Pool movement the highest degree of responsibility rests. There is every reason to believe that they will remain true to one another.

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In view of the fact that nine Alberta constituencies are represented by U.F.A. members of Parliament, and that the U.F.A. group represents an overwhelming majority of the farmers and farm women of Alberta, it is to be regretted that reports of speeches in which the U.F.A. point of view upon national questions is set forth, are, as a rule, very fragmentary in the daily press.

To obtain more adequate reports would no doubt involve some difficulty for Alberta newspapers, as most of the reports are syndicated to all Canadian dailies,

while the main strength of the U.F.A. movement lies in Alberta. But the presentation in the House of Commons of their own policies by the group they elected to serve them is naturally a matter of deep concern to many thousands of citizens of this Province who are engaged in the industry of agriculture, and if a less limited service could be given it would be widely appreciated. Irrespective of the reports available from other sources, however, the *Hansard* report is an invaluable one to all farmers who wish to be well-informed upon the record of their group at Ottawa.

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If the advance notices of Mr. Bennett's proposed tariff legislation are any criterion, the chief contribution of the special session of Parliament to the solution of the problems of the farmers of the Prairie Provinces seems likely to be an increase in the costs of agricultural production and living.

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EFFICIENCY WHICH LEADS TO BANKRUPTCY

"Some obscure idiot evolved the theory that bad trade must run in cycles; it is necessary and works itself out." But such a statement is a disgrace to a scientific age. If it were true we should seek the cause and find out if it were not preventible, and not submerge ourselves in fatalist inaction. . . . The fault must lie somewhere in human administration. Everyone is unhappily agreed that the enormously increased production of the world since the Great War has been accompanied by an enormously decreasing purchasing power relative to the goods produced. It is no exaggeration to say that if existing machinery were run to the best of our ability and if sea and land were harvested up to our known capacity of production, the white men's world would, under the present economic system, go forthwith bankrupt."—H. S. Lyons, Chairman of the Transvaal Landowners' Association.

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STATES U.F.A. POSITION

"I am an annex of neither the Liberal party nor the Conservative party and I sincerely trust I shall never become an annex of either," declared E. J. Garland, M.P., in the House of Commons last week, replying, upon a question of privilege, to remarks in Premier Bennett's speech on the address. Mr. Garland asked the Premier to apply to himself his own words that "nothing is more objectionable than a suspicious mind."

In this brief speech Mr. Garland very clearly and effectively stated the position of the U.F.A. movement as a whole. The U.F.A. is prepared to co-operate with any government in furthering sound economic policies, and to oppose any government measure which is designed to serve party interests rather than the interests of the masses of the people of Canada. Party labels, for the U.F.A., have no meaning.

News from Alberta Wheat Pool Head Office

Information for Members and Locals Issued by the Department of Education and Publicity of the Alberta Wheat Pool

In another part of this issue a verbatim report is given of a recent radio address of A. J. McPhail, President of the Canadian Wheat Pool. It is hoped that all Pool members will read this article in its entirety, but there is one paragraph in particular which should not be overlooked. It is as follows:—

“There are many whose private fortunes would benefit who are watching the present situation and hoping that the Pool will collapse or disintegrate. Are such people concerned with the welfare of the farmer? Are there many people anywhere who are as much concerned with the financial welfare of others as they are with their own? The only man to whom the interest and welfare of the farmers is of first and vital concern is the farmer himself. No other individual or institution is going to make the farmers' welfare its first concern. No institution or power in this world but their own is going to free the people from economic oppression. It is in times of strain and stress that organizations like individuals show their mettle.”

From time to time poems written by Ferguson James, of Rose Lynn, Alberta, appear in the columns of this paper. These poems are usually well written but “The Darkest Hour Just Before Dawn,” appearing in this issue, is one of the best Mr. James has produced. Ferguson James is an agent in charge of the Alberta Pool elevator at Rose Lynn.

Now it appears that the scientist and plant breeder are to blame for the over-production of wheat. Professor Bower, president of the British Association for the Advancement of Science recently stated that the production of synthetic nitrates and the improvement in wheat strains has prevented the world from coming face to face with a shortage of wheat.

The editor of the *Alberta Farmer* in the course of an editorial published in his newspaper a few weeks ago, gave it as his opinion that the Alberta Wheat Pool had been remiss in its neglect of the opportunity to encourage farmers to grow better qualities of wheat. He suggests that a splendid opportunity for encouraging the maintenance of a high quality of Canadian wheat has been overlooked by the Wheat Pool.

During the late winter and early spring of each year the Alberta Wheat Pool has brought to the attention of the farmer the need of his sowing good seed, free from weeds and his restricting seeding to a few varieties of wheat. The Pool has never gone beyond this because of its belief that most farmers realize the need of following this advice, but only too many have been prevented by economic circumstances. Besides, there are scores of authorities, not to mention thousands of men in other walks of life, who are continually harping on the string of good seed. Undoubtedly it is a good string, but sometimes it is played upon by people who fail to grasp the complete picture of the farmers' predicament.

As a matter of cold fact, the Wheat Pools of Western Canada took the only forward step that has been taken in many years to insure a high quality of Canadian wheat going to foreign markets. The Pools insisted that the Government raise the outturn standard of grades and eliminate mixing in the contract grades.

In the past many thousands of farmers raised really high quality wheat only to find that this wheat was deliberately degraded by being mixed with wheat of an inferior quality at the terminal elevators. Where then was the inducement for the farmer to raise real quality wheat? It never got to its ultimate market just as it left the farm. By means of mixing in the terminal elevators, it was brought down to the lowest possible level within its grade. The result was that practically all the preachment in favor of good seed failed to a considerable extent in the final achievement of its purpose.

Private grain companies opposed the Pool's stand and thus actually entered opposition to raising high quality wheat in Western Canada. There is very little use of raising high quality wheat unless this wheat reaches its users as a high

quality product. There is no doubt but that the Pool's stand in favor of raising the outturn standards and of abolishing mixing is the most forward step that has ever been taken to perpetuate the good name of Canadian wheat throughout the world.

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A widespread campaign is being started throughout the United States to encourage the feeding of wheat instead of corn. The corn crop in the United States has been decreased through drouth to 2,000,000,000 bushels in place of the 2½ billion bushels usually raised. The wheat crop in the States this year is greater than last year and the price is at a very low level. Authorities are pointing out that wheat when ground is worth as much or slightly more than unground corn as hog feed. Since a bushel of wheat weighs 60 pounds and a bushel of corn 56, it can be estimated that a bushel of wheat after it is ground is worth ten per cent more than a bushel of corn.

It is pointed out by authorities that hogs like wheat better than other animals do. It does not cause digestive or other disturbances in hogs and these animals may be fed all the wheat they will eat. Wheat may be fed, unground, to sheep with equally satisfactory results as corn. For beef cattle wheat must be ground. Cattle do not like ground wheat as well as other animals and they will eat less of it than they will of corn. Hence ground wheat and corn must be fed half and half. Wheat should be ground or rolled as a horse feed, but it cannot be fed in unlimited amounts to horses. If fed in large amounts digestive disturbances and skin eruptions result.

There is no doubt but that considerable wheat will be fed to animals in the United States during the ensuing year, but it is hard to say at the present time to what extent this practice will be followed. Various people have estimated from 125 million to 300 million bushels of wheat will be used in this way. A great deal will depend on the actual outturn of the corn harvest and the foreign demand for wheat.

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Western Producer.—A Saskatchewan farmer was recently visited by the local manager of a Dominion-wide mortgage corporation, who was accompanied by his general manager from the east. Naturally the conversation turned to the price of wheat and the Wheat Pool and during the discussion the farmer said:

“The Pool, I think, has made a big mistake on last year's crop and I do not see how we can afford to pay for these mistakes.”

To this the general manager replied: “Even granting that the Pool has made a mistake, how do you as a farmer expect to organize and to put the marketing of your products on a par with organization in other industries without mistakes? Do you think industry has never made mistakes and do you think organization has been secured in industry by breaking up an organization every time it made a mistake? It seems to me that farmers must learn to profit by the mistake and that Pool members should at least assume that whenever mistakes are made by their organization, the organization itself will profit by these mistakes and so gain the necessary experience to carry on more efficiently. As a matter of fact, it may easily be just as big a mistake to admit too readily that a mistake has been made as it is to make the mistake itself. So far as the Pool is concerned, no one is yet able to say accurately that a mistake was made. Hasty conclusions and the expectation that no mistakes will ever be made can ruin any organization.”

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The gross agricultural wealth of Canada for 1929 is estimated at approximately \$7,978,633,000 in a summary published recently by the National Revenue Department. Last year the total revenue from agriculture was \$1,667,213,000, of which Ontario accounted for \$509,434,000; Quebec, \$320,422,000; Saskatchewan, \$309,308,000; Alberta, \$228,589,000; Manitoba, \$134,095,000; British Columbia, \$55,235,000; Nova Scotia, \$43,558,000; New Brunswick, \$39,854,000; and Prince Edward Island, \$26,723,000.

A. J. McPhail's Radio Address on Pool Matters

In a radio address broadcast from Regina, Saskatchewan, Tuesday evening, September 2nd, A. J. McPhail, President of the Canadian and Saskatchewan Wheat Pools, expressed the gratification of the board of directors over the fact that the Pools are receiving their full proportion of grain deliveries.

The text of Mr. McPhail's address follows:

"In 1923, when the Pool movement started in earnest, the farmers of Western Canada were confronted with conditions as difficult as any experienced up until that time in the West. Under the spur of these conditions the farmers resolutely undertook the task of building an organization of their own, through which they could unite their individual strength. The result was beyond the expectations of the most optimistic. Five years of unparalleled success in the history of farmer organization effort—success that has excited world-wide interest. A success which, from a knowledge of the history of any organization or movement, could not last indefinitely without difficulties and reverses of some kind being encountered. All thinking men knew that sooner or later conditions, over which no individual or organization or Government would have much control, would arise and test the solidity of the Pool. Many people have been asking the question during these years 'What will the Pool members do when that time comes?' The time has arrived when that question must be answered and in no uncertain way.

World-wide Depression

We are facing conditions now that are the result of a world-wide financial depression. No country, no industry and no organization has escaped the effects of this crisis. A year ago almost the whole world was engaged in an unparalleled orgy of speculation. Today we are suffering from a complete reversal of conditions then obtaining, no doubt largely due to the situation of a year ago. Many business and financial institutions have been shaken to their very foundations, including a number of large and widely known grain firms about which there has been little publicity. Some commodity prices have fallen to the lowest levels in 100 years. The world is poverty stricken with millions lacking the common necessities of life and we are asked to believe that the cause of this is that there is an over-supply of the commodities we want and cannot pay for, that there is too much wealth in the world and that increasing world poverty and distress is the natural and inevitable consequence of increased world production.

Real wealth is represented by goods. Too much wheat, barley, oats, flax, rye, cotton, copper, coffee, wool, butter, milk, cheese, and yet poverty stalking in every land. It is under such conditions that purchasing power of people generally is curtailed. It is in times like the present that the process of centralizing the control of wealth is accelerated—the few become relatively more wealthy and powerful.

Shall We Show Our Mettle?

The question, which should not be a question, is: "Are we, the many, going to stand by ourselves and each other now?" "Can an organization of the people stand only in good times when all is well and running smoothly, or are the farmers going to show their mettle, by

stiffening themselves for the fight, and show a united front to the world in this time of crisis?" In these times, when the great majority of farmers are up against difficulties which seem insurmountable, it is not surprising that some of them may be dissatisfied with the Pool—it could hardly be otherwise. But I ask of those who may feel dissatisfaction "What institution or organization are you satisfied with at the present time? Are you satisfied with the Grain Trade? Are you satisfied with any other organization with which you have business relations? Is there any hope of relief through the easy way of reverting to the old methods of doing business? Are we going to go forward or just throw up our hands and fall back?" I know that for the great majority of Pool members these questions are unnecessary. We must and shall go forward. We must stick together—any other course now would be disastrous, individually and collectively.

There are many whose private fortunes would benefit, who are watching the present situation and hoping that the Pool will collapse or disintegrate. Are such people concerned with the welfare of the farmer? Are there many people anywhere who are as much concerned with the financial welfare of others as they are in their own? The only man to whom the interest and welfare of the farmer is of first and vital concern, is the farmer himself. No other institution but his own is going to make the farmers' welfare its first concern. No institution or power in this world but their own is going to free the people from economic oppression. It is in times of strain and stress that organizations, like individuals, show their mettle.

Example of Old Country Co-ops

We have the examples of the great consumers co-operative organizations in the Old Land. At different periods during the past 80 years they have had to face, and surmount, conditions equally as difficult as those we are now facing. They started with nothing but a few dollars in an incomparably smaller way than we did. Year by year through foul and fair weather, they have resolutely and steadfastly forged ahead, until today their great and powerful organizations stand impregnable as monuments to the vision and loyalty of the common people, who would not be discouraged or turned back by opposition or adversity. They are today free and independent of the necessity of depending on the blessing, or otherwise, of any interest outside of themselves.

Some time ago I said that the farmers once having set their hands to the plow will not turn back. World economic conditions since that time have steadily grown worse. World grain prices are at even lower levels although world carry-overs are greatly reduced, and crops in most of the importing countries are lower in yield and in milling quality. While some areas in all three of our Prairie

Provinces are harvesting good crops of high quality, our total yield will be considerably below an average crop and with present prices below the cost of production, Western Canada in consequence is facing perhaps the most serious emergency in our agricultural development.

There cannot be too much wheat in the world until the day when there are no hungry mouths to feed. The time is coming, I hope (perhaps not in our day, but let us hope that we may help to bring it nearer) when we need not fear that the more we produce the harder up we will be.

I have every confidence that if we continue to have faith in ourselves and each other; if we face the situation with the courage and resolution characteristic of the West; we will win out in this crisis as we have weathered hard times in the past. There is no hope offered in our only alternative, a complete surrender to a trade and a system which is naturally more concerned with its own profits than with the welfare of the farmer. We have made a good start, we have led the way as the world's greatest Producers Co-operative Organization during the past six years, but we have still a long way to go to the ultimate objective of the Co-operative movement; the day when every man and woman will receive the fruits of their labor. We must not allow any temporary depression or set-back to make us lose heart, or for a moment to lose sight of our objective.

Evidence of Steadfastness

We already have ample evidence of the steadfastness of Pool members under the strain of present conditions. Harvesting and threshing is somewhat earlier in Manitoba than in Saskatchewan. There have been very heavy deliveries in that Province during the last ten days or two weeks. The Pool there has received to date at least as large a proportion of the grain delivered as in former years, and that in spite of the fact that the largest proportion of their crop is coarse grains, with the prices of these grains at comparatively lower levels than wheat. With fairly large deliveries in Saskatchewan during the past week there is every reason to believe that Saskatchewan members are going to give as good an account of themselves as those in Manitoba. In fact, it would appear from the amount of grain being delivered to Pool elevators in comparison with the total being delivered to line houses, that Pool members fully realize the seriousness of the present situation and have decided to show an unbroken front to the outside world. Nothing quite so encouraging has happened since the Pool was first organized, as this clear cut answer from Pool members to these interests which at this time would like to see Pool members break away.

Let me quote in closing from the closing words of an address by a leading citizen of Western Canada before a distinguished gathering in the Old Country recently; "If you asked me what was wrong with the world today," he said, "I should say it was due to the selfishness and shortsightedness of men, but I think the illusion we get about the world being permanently weak is not justified. I am convinced, by the facts by which I live, that all these difficulties are a temporary condition of things, and that we are moving irresistibly by the discoveries of

science, by the ingenuity of man, by the necessities of our life, to a condition of a world community of peace and co-operation."

Period Calling for Sanity

Toronto Globe.—Conditions are a severe test, not only for the Pool, but for all interests in Canada related even remotely to the buying power of prairie farmers.

Chairman A. J. McPhail of the Wheat Pool, anticipating conditions of the coming season, appeals to Canadian business generally to exercise forbearance in making collections, and not to embarrass the financial structure by undue pressure. He also asks the Pool members not to be stampeded into forsaking the co-operative movement and selling their grain to the independents. One fact emerges from the welter of discussion during the past few weeks, and that is that the principle

of co-operation is to be continued. In common with all other wheat producers the members of the Canadian Pool have suffered by the drastic market slumps, but they have not lost faith in themselves or their leaders. It is a period calling for sanity, and not panic. Wheat is not a perishable commodity, and the nations need a lot of it. It is a world item of commerce whose price should find its level and some degree of stability before long.

Wheat Pool Manager Discusses Pool Affairs

On September 2nd R. D. Purdy, Manager of the Alberta Wheat Pool, issued a circular letter to every member of the organization, covering the most important phases of operation of the Pool. This letter is as follows:

To All Pool Members:

At commencement of another crop season, we desire to submit certain information as to operations of this Association to our members.

1928 Pool

In regard to the likelihood of a final payment of 1928 Pool deliveries, our Central Selling Agency is still in the position of having a considerable bushelage of lower grades of wheat of the 1928 crop to be disposed of, located at certain terminal points where such grades have not been readily saleable.

Since distribution of our second interim payment in July, 1929, the trend of the market has been steadily downward. The result is that a substantial portion of the stocks of wheat then on hand in the 1928 Pool have been sold at lower levels than were realized for that sold earlier. In consequence, the sum which may ultimately be distributed appears certain to be small and it is not now possible to forecast the time at which it will be available for distribution.

1929 Pool

Many rumors are being circulated with regard to Pool activities by those who hope to make a profit out of inducing Pool members to believe them. One of these rumors relates to the possible overpayment in the 1929 Pool which would arise if the amount of \$1.00 per bushel advanced by the Pool to its growers on 1929 deliveries was larger than the sum realized from the sale of that grain.

It should be borne in mind that a substantial quantity of the 1929 crop was disposed of at market levels in excess of our Initial Payment of \$1.00 made at the time of delivery while, on the other hand, of course, quantities have been sold in recent weeks below the amount advanced to our growers and we still have a considerable bushelage of that crop to be disposed of. It should, therefore, be apparent that even at present levels any overpayment involved should not be of a size that would be embarrassing.

Whether an overpayment has been made on the 1929 crop cannot be determined until the balance of wheat in the 1929 Pool has been sold. Should the final selling results then indicate that our members have been overpaid on the 1929 Pool, the Government of the three Prairie Provinces have guaranteed to pay to the banks the difference between the amount

advanced on the security of the wheat and the amount realized from its sale, and each Government will in due course no doubt assume its respective share of the amount so determined, following which, each Provincial Pool organization will negotiate with its Government as to the terms of repayment of the sum involved. No serious difficulty is anticipated in arranging satisfactory terms with our Provincial Government for the repayment to it of any money it may be liable for under its guarantee to the banks and on a basis which will not work any undue hardship on the Pool or Pool members.

We understand a like rumor is being broadcast suggesting that the reason our 1930 initial payment has been reduced to sixty cents, basis No. 1 Northern in store Vancouver, is that the banks desire to be assured that they can collect out of the 1930 crop any loss that they might have from the 1929 crop. If you will give consideration to this for a moment, its absurdity will be obvious. The banks are definitely guaranteed by the Provincial Government for any possible overpayment that may be involved and are not, therefore, concerned in the least as to the method which may be worked out between the respective Governments and the Pools for the payment by the Pools to the Governments of the sum which each Government may have to pay the banks.

The situation in connection with the 1929 crop has been submitted as definitely as can be dealt with at this date and should, we feel, serve to dispose of this particular type of propaganda which has been broadcast to confuse our members in an effort to induce them to dispose of their wheat in breach of their contract, or to divert their wheat through facilities other than Pool elevators.

Reduction of Initial Payment 1930 Pool

Mr. Wood, Chairman of your organization, in a separate letter, has submitted for your consideration a review of the present market situation which has made it necessary to place our Initial Payment at 60 cents per bushel, basis No. 1 Northern in store Vancouver, on deliveries to the 1930 Pool.

Suspension of Coarse Grains Pool

Your Board of Directors have just decided to suspend the operation of our Coarse Grains Pool for the current crop year. This decision was reached only after the most careful consideration, and has been prompted by the realization that with the price of coarse grains at their present low levels, it would be difficult for many of our members of the Coarse Grains Pool to finance on the nominal amount which would be paid by the Pool as an Initial Payment. Acting under authority given your Board under Clause 27 of the Coarse Grains Contract, notice is being inserted in the various newspapers in the Province to the effect that there will not be a Coarse Grains Pool in operation in Alberta for the marketing of 1930 crop of coarse grains.

Coarse grains of Pool members will be handled by Pool Elevators on open market basis as was the case prior to the inauguration of our Coarse Grains Pool in 1929. We ask our Pool members to keep in mind the advantage to you and your Organization in delivering all your grain, coarse grains as well as wheat, through our Pool Elevator facilities.

It should be clearly understood that the Coarse Grains Contract is still in effect but that its provisions have been suspended by the Board for this year only and that this suspension applies only to coarse grains and does not in any way affect the conditions of your Marketing

POOL RADIO BROADCASTING

The Wheat Pool has resumed radio broadcasting for the coming fall and winter. This season the broadcasts will take place on Tuesday evenings commencing at 9:00 o'clock. Pool members should make a note of this as last year the broadcasting was done on Wednesday evening commencing at 8:30. The change was necessitated because of a chain broadcast taking the Wednesday evening time. The Pool is broadcasting from three stations this year the same as last year: CFCN, the Voice of the Prairie and CFAC. Herald Station, are used in Calgary and CJCA, the Edmonton Journal Station, at Edmonton. On Tuesday, September 16th, the *Herald* and *Journal* stations will be used; on Tuesday, the 23rd, the Voice of the Prairie and the *Journal* stations, and so on, the two Calgary stations being used alternate weeks. Head Office of the Pool is very anxious that these broadcasts should come in as clearly as possible, and invite listeners-in to send in reports. Pool members should be sure to tune in every Tuesday night at 9:00 o'clock to hear the Alberta Pool broadcast.

Agreement in regard to wheat which is required to be delivered on Pool basis.

Change in Basis of Operating Pool Elevators, 1930-31 Season

At our special delegates' meeting held in Calgary, June 12th to 14th last, certain recommendations were made to our delegates by our Directors as to operating basis of our Pool elevator facilities for the coming season, and after a very full discussion such proposed basis was approved of by our delegates and has since been made effective, and particulars are submitted for your guidance.

This change involved leasing of all facilities of Alberta Pool Elevators, Limited, to Alberta Wheat Pool for the coming season and will mean that our Pool elevator facilities will be operated as a department of the Wheat Pool, with results of each Pool elevator season treated as part of the overhead of the Pool, and spread over all Pool deliveries, whether such results in operations be in the form of a surplus or a deficit.

Further, under this change in operating method, our tariff of elevator charges, equal to the tariff as set out in our Handling Agreement with Line Companies, will be assessed as a deposit at time of delivery of grain, and any surplus or deficit arising under such a basis would be distributed to or borne by the entire membership of the Pool, and as such would mean that any member who had no Pool facility available or who did not use same where it was available, would share in any such distribution of surplus but would also be responsible for his share of deficit regardless of delivery being made through Pool elevator facilities or that of Line Companies.

Our excess earnings, as distributed over the past two years in the way of patronage dividend to those growers patronizing Pool elevators, will, under the new method of operating, of course disappear and any benefits derived therefrom in the 1930 crop, will be for the account of all members delivering to the 1930 Pool. We consider our method of distribution on a patronage basis of the past two years has been quite justified as a means of practical demonstration to a great number of our members as to the desirability of making use of their own facilities, and we have now provided facilities available to approximately 90 per cent of our members. Further, in view of certain changes in handling methods brought about largely through the efforts of the producers, excessive elevator earnings, we believe, have been practically eliminated and the individual now placed in a position to receive certain direct benefits. As a result of the change in the situation from various angles, we consider the time has now come when these facilities should be regarded as a part of our parent organization and our elevator system treated merely as a service to our members operated at actual cost.

Patronize Pool Elevator Facilities

We understand that various forms of propaganda are being used as a means of inducing Pool members to deliver their grain through facilities other than the Pool. Since organization of Alberta Wheat Pool, 438 country elevators have been acquired in the Province, as well as a large Terminal at Vancouver, and these facilities have been provided as fast as funds would permit, and for the sole purpose of extending service and accommodation to our members. Funds which made these facilities possible have been contributed by you along with some

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Interests of the United Farm Women

September in Alberta

Warwick Farm,
Edgerton, Alta.

Dear Farm Women:

September seems to be Alberta's most delightful month. At the same time it always seems to be one of the most anxious ones.

This year as I write there has been no frost in our district and a great amount of rain, so the trees are still quite green and the fields ripe for the binders. Such a beautiful picture of green and gold the country presents, some of the fields already stooked and some ready for cutting and to make it more pleasing the air on a fine morning is gloriously clear. When, however, the black clouds gather, we wonder if the hail is really going to come at the last minute after all, or just how much more of the crop is going to be beaten down, or if we are going to manage to get it cut before the frost or if any of the other possible calamities are going to befall.

End of Summer Holidays

The children too find it a momentous month, giving up the freedom of the summer holidays for the routine of school; also very often getting acquainted with the new teacher who will make such a difference in their lives.

The new teachers too are full of concern as to what kind of a school they will have, what kind of a district is to be home to them for the new term and what kind of a boarding house they will have for the year.

Sometimes I wonder if we quite realize what a world in itself the school life is to the children. There was a time possibly when we thought "going to school" meant only learning some facts set down in text books. Now, however, we are beginning to realize it is much more than that, it is developing the children or rather beginning their development for life; it is learning how to live with their young neighbors; it is learning how to play with their friends and helping to develop the characteristics and talents that will make their lives most useful.

We are even beginning to waken up to the thought that the teacher who gets his or her pupils "through" is not necessarily the most worth-while teacher.

Our many-graded country schools can not as yet pay as much attention to handicraft work as we might like, or possibly I might say we have not made the wisest choice in what shall be taught. There are, however, evidences that we are realizing more and more there are other phases to our school life than the mere learning of lessons for school.

The school fairs are a step in that direction, because they play a far more important part than the mere winning of a prize, however pleasing that may be to the youthful exhibitor. They make for school pride, getting points for the school. They make for accuracy and for neatness of execution in their work, for many qualities we want to see encouraged, for these characteristics if developed will

manifest themselves not only in the school work but in their life work.

The preparing of exhibits from the gardens and from the animals may awaken an interest which will add to the future interest of life of the exhibitors. It may be but the beginning of a hobby that will add zest to life in the years to come. The preparing of exhibits for the sewing and cooking classes may be the beginning of an interest for which future wives, and husbands too, will be thankful.

The knowledge they have gained from the preparation of the exhibits will be of use to some varied degree, but that is only a partial value of the school fair. The children learn how to win prizes and how to compete and accept defeat. Some grown-up people have never learned how to succeed without being insufferable and others cannot accept defeat without so much rancor and bitterness that they make themselves and their friends miserable.

Successes and Failures

Successes and failures, dreams realized and disappointed hopes will confront them all through life. The other day I read a letter from one of the defeated candidates in the recent Federal election and it was really wonderful to read the philosophy with which the man had reviewed the situation and accepted the decision. I hope this man when he was teaching in this Province, as he did if my memory serves me correctly, helped inspire that same philosophy in his pupils.

To help our schools be the all-round preparation for life of the pupils that we should like, we the mothers and fathers of the district and indeed all the rate-payers must co-operate with the teachers in their efforts. Sometimes some of the more conservative ones need to be encouraged to new enterprises and others with a fuller, more complete view of the possibilities of the part they can play in the life of the pupils, need only our help.

We can all play a part, possibly a very small one, by helping in some way to make our schools and their surroundings a bigger factor in the life of the rural districts.

Yours sincerely,
H. ZELLA SPENCER.

Seasonable Recipes

By AUNT CORDELIA

Salmon Short Cake: 1 lb. can salmon (or 1 lb. fresh boiled), 2 cups medium white sauce; 2 chopped hard cooked eggs; Salt, pepper. Make white sauce, add eggs and seasonings and just before serving add salmon coarsely flaked. Split baking powder biscuits, spread lightly with butter and pour mixture over bottom, cover and pour another spoonful over top. Serve immediately.

Fried Stewed Tomatoes: Peel, slice and put on to cook enough tomatoes to make 1 pint pulp when cooked—about

six medium-sized tomatoes should do. When cooked, allow to cool, then add 2 tablespoons melted butter, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt, 2 teaspoons brown sugar, pepper, and 1 cup flour sifted with 1 teaspoon baking powder. Drop by spoonfuls a little distance apart into a hot frying pan with bacon dripping. Fry to a rich brown on one side, turn, and fry on the other side. Serve at once with crisp bacon and bran muffins.

Lemon Economy: If you wish to use only a few drops of lemon-juice don't cut the fruit in halves, but make a small incision and squeeze out the quantity you need. The rest of the lemon will keep better and will not dry up.

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Activities of the U.F.W.A.

Mrs. Levi E. Miller, secretary of Poplar Grove U.F.W.A. Local, writes: "Our meetings have been good, and we have enjoyed the programs, and often have quite a few visitors."

The last meeting of Standard U.F.W.A. Local was held in the home of Mrs. O. D. Christianson, with a large attendance. Mrs. J. P. Nelson gave an interesting talk on her experiences as a pioneer settler in 1910; Mrs. Frona Wirt, secretary, writes that several visitors travelled quite a distance to hear this talk. The secretary read the bulletin on immigration, which was followed by an interesting discussion.

Battle Beaver U.F.W.A. Local met on September 6th at the home of Mrs. A. Hoefling, the president. After the roll call, Mrs. Cyril Power read the bulletin on health, by Mrs. Banner; this was followed by an interesting discussion on the two new health units that are being set up in the Province. Mrs. Hoefling led the discussion on current events. As Mrs. John Pillman was unable to be present, her paper on threshing hints was postponed to the next meeting.

Rosington U.F.W.A. Local held their monthly meeting on August 21st at the home of Mrs. Gregory. "We have some very interesting programs, each member taking some part," states a letter from Mrs. W. D. Weir, secretary. "Mrs. Gregory gave an excellent reading on matters pertaining to health, which was much appreciated and contained valuable information. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the making of a legal will; and it was decided to get some reliable information on this matter and discuss it at our September meeting. After the meeting adjourned, the hostess served a tempting lunch."

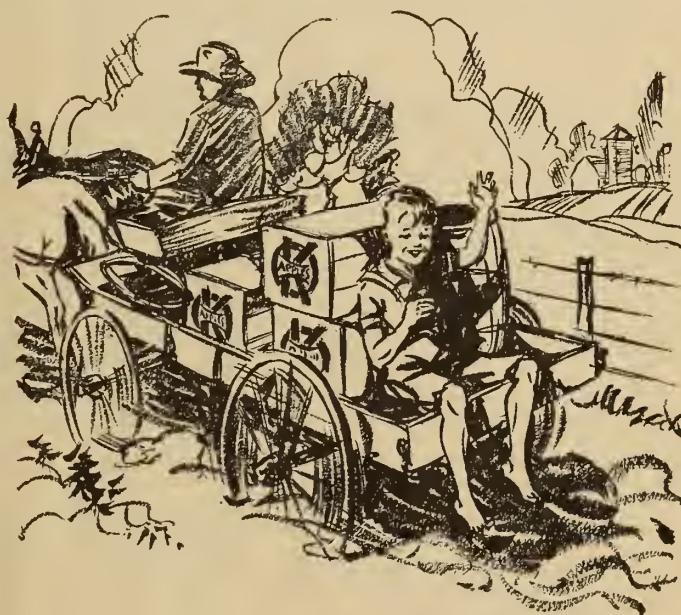
The August meeting of Malmö U.F.W.A. Local was Grandmothers' Day; there was a good attendance, with some visitors from another Local. Most of the members answered the roll call by telling of interesting and amusing things that happened long ago, states the secretary, Mrs. Elsie Richards. "Our president showed us some pictures taken a long time ago; she is the only grandmother in our Local, and we all gave her our best wishes. We also congratulated ourselves on getting Mr. Irvine as our M.P. again. Our meetings are getting more interesting every time we meet. After adjournment we had songs by two of our members, then lunch was served by the younger members."

"We have had a very successful year," states a letter from Mrs. George Forbes, secretary of Grimshaw U.F.W.A. Local. "In spite of torrential rains, 17 members attended the basketry course in June, and several ferneries, tea wagons, side tables, trays, baskets, etc., were started and finished. We are hoping to make many more articles during the winter months. At the beginning of August, we arranged for a picnic instead of our regular meeting; about sixty members and friends were present and all seemed to enjoy it. Next month we are to have the baby clinic, and we hope to organize a dance in our new U.F.A. Hall in the near future. At the July meeting a paper was read by Mrs. Kent on recent Alberta laws affecting women. It was resolved that we go on record as desiring (a) a reform in the personal naturalization of women; (b) the establishment of a Court of Domestic Relations in Alberta."

The August meeting of Fairdonian Valley U.F.W.A. Local was held at the home of Mrs. F. Smawley, reports Mrs. A. Gillies, secretary. "A letter of thanks was sent to the Pioneer Hotel, at Sedgewick, for so kindly granting the use of the dining room of the hotel for the lunch at the Sedgewick convention. The bulletins on "Home Economics" by Mrs. Zipperer, and on "Immigration" by Mrs. Price, were read and

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discussed, both being voted splendid, and giving room for careful thought. Mrs. Hallum gave a splendid paper on dieting, naming the different vitamins and their values. Mrs. B. Weber gave the report of the Camrose convention; both ladies were given thanks for their papers. Mrs. F. Weber answered the question, 'How does an apple turn brown, when cut?' The gift was won by Mrs. Rossiter. Tea was served by the hostess."

Junior News Items

The Newlands Juniors held a dance last month and made a clear profit of \$30 to add to the treasury, reports Frank Brown, secretary.

Rena Davey, secretary of the newly organized Craigmyle Junior Local, reports that the Local is making fair progress. Mildred Brannum has been appointed reporter.

The Abce Junior U.F.A. held their annual meeting Tuesday, August 19th. The following officers were elected: president, William Benson; vice-president Mrs. R. Chaplin; secretary-treasurer, Phillip Cardy; supervisor, Mrs. F. Cardy.

Merle County, former secretary of the Glenrose Junior Local, resigned as she will soon be leaving to attend school. Alex MacMillan has been chosen in her place. "I enjoyed being secretary of our Junior Local, and hope it will progress greatly," she writes.

The Keystone Juniors held a very enjoyable dance at the Keystone School on Friday, June 27th reports Elizabeth Hettler, secretary. Dancing started at nine o'clock and lasted until half past two. Supper was served at 12 o'clock by the Juniors. Music was furnished by Roderick McKinnon, Donald McKinnon, Tony Hettler, Karl Hettler and Ed Festerling.

The last meeting of the Keystone Juniors was held at the home of Mrs. Bonser. On account of rainy weather only a few members were present. Margaret Boyd was chosen to take charge of the Junior Girls Soft Ball Team and Louis Larson was chosen to take charge of the Junior Boys Soft Ball Team. After the meeting an enjoyable lunch was served.

The September meeting of the Bismark Junior Local was held at the home of Leone Hoar on September 2nd. About 30 members were present. Plans for a debate were discussed and the president was delegated to get in touch with the Hillside Juniors of Millet. A dainty lunch was served by Mrs. Hoar. Two visitors contributed to the entertainment with many piano selections. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mildred Hoar.

The first meeting of the Clyde Junior Local was held on August 8th but through an error made in the date it was not very well attended, reports Doris Henson, secretary. Cyril Proctor, Junior Director, and W. F. Waters were in attendance. The second meeting was held on August 16th, which Mr. Waters was also able to attend. It was a much more successful gathering. The Clyde Junior Local has now ten members enrolled. Herbert Taylor is president and Mr. D. MacIsachlan adviser.

A meeting of the Monarch Junior U.F.A. was held in the Monarch Hall on Saturday, August 19th, with 14 members present, reports Mary Hunwick, secretary. The meeting opened with "O Canada." Reka Koole and Carrie Hunwick asked riddles, and James Hunwick and August Hann told some very comical jokes. Ingetta Koole played a piano solo. The members sang "Old Folks at Home." After discussion it was decided to embroider a quilt, each member to do some fancy work on it, and then to raffle it to raise funds for the treasury. Before the meeting closed the secretary gave each member an ice cream cone and an orange.

A: "I'm a self-made man."

B: "That relieves someone of an unpleasant responsibility."

NEWS FROM WHEAT POOL

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43,000 other farmers in the Province through deductions each year from Pool deliveries. Every effort has been made and is being made to operate these facilities efficiently and as a service to our members at actual cost. These elevators represent money invested by you and other Pool members and should receive your loyal patronage at all points where available, as a means of assuring operation at a reduced cost through volume handled.

Obligations of Your Pool Contract

During the past few days we have learned that rumors are in circulation in the country to the effect that Pool members will be permitted to sell their wheat outside of Pool channels, and that your Board of Directors will overlook any breaches of contract. This is quite contrary to the facts. These Marketing Agreements are completed as between yourself and some 43,000 other farmers in Alberta, and your Directors and Management have no power to change such signed contracts as between members, and further, have a definite responsibility in the administration of the Pool in requiring delivery from each and every member on Pool basis of all wheat acquired or produced by them in Alberta and/or British Columbia during life of the contract which expires with the marketing of 1932 crop, except feed and seed. Foundation of the Wheat Pool is based on our Marketing Agreement completed by the individual member, and consideration cannot be given to any loosening of terms and conditions of same, which even if provided, would without doubt only result in disaster to the movement.

Further, in regard to sale of wheat for seed or feed, we would point out that it is necessary to receive a permit in writing from this Association before making sale, and that a condition of such permit provides sale to any person on the distinct understanding that the grain involved will not be resold on a commercial basis so as to compete with the marketing of our Pool wheat.

Attitude of Creditors

We have been informed that some creditor interests in the Province are making plans to insist on immediate payment of debts from the crop as delivered, and in fact propose to insist that wheat of Pool members be sold on non-Pool basis in order that the producer may be able to obtain the largest possible amount in cash to clear up his obligations. Such action is quite contrary to the requirements of our Pool contract, and any Pool members approached by creditors of this attitude are requested to immediately communicate with Head Office. Every effort will be made to see that adequate protection is extended in any instance where it is indicated that certain creditors are adopting an unreasonable attitude.

Crop Security

We desire to again emphasize the importance of our members seeing that their entire crop is marketed through the Pool. In the past practically all mortgage companies, trust companies and banks, as well as Soldier Settlement Board, Rural Credit Societies and Debt Adjustment Department, have signified their willingness to permit marketing through the Pool, of the share of wheat accruing to them under crop security. No doubt some creditors will require Pool members to deliver their share under crop lease to the elevators in the name of the creditor as Pool wheat, and in this way the Initial Payment and Growers' Re-

ceipts will be made out direct to the creditor interested. Any Pool member having difficulty in making arrangements as outlined should communicate at once with the Head Office of the Pool and every effort will be made to assist in arranging so that the entire crop of our Pool members is marketed on Pool basis.

Farm Storage

The policy of our Association in regard to farm storage in connection with 1930 crop was fully discussed at our Special Delegates' Meeting held in Calgary last June, and the decision of our Delegates was that such should be left with your Directors to decide as to whether farm storage should be placed in effect on 1930 crop. After careful consideration of all phases, your Directors recently decided that no farm storage should be paid on deliveries to 1930 Pool.

Line Elevator Handling Agreement

Our three year term Handling Agreement with Line Elevator Companies covering handling of Pool wheat, expired September 1st. Renewal terms have been agreed upon with the United Grain Growers Limited, but no agreement has been concluded to date with Line Elevator Companies. Although negotiations are continuing, we hope to be able to report the outcome of these negotiations in *The U.F.A.* issue of 15th September.

In closing we desire to assure our members that your Management and Staff, including Pool Elevator Agents, are doing their utmost to carry on the business of this Association efficiently and to extend every reasonable service to our membership in the marketing of their grain. Any suggestions offered by our members in regard to our operations will be appreciated at all times and will receive our acknowledgement, as well as careful consideration.

Yours very truly,

ALBERTA WHEAT POOL

R. D. Purdy, Manager.

Bootlegging No Solution

The essential need of today, regarding Pool problems, is a calm, dispassionate viewpoint.

We hear suggestions of bootlegging Pool wheat. Surely this is not the solution of the difficulties we find ourselves in. The small extra cash payment certainly is not. And even it could be wiped away easily by thoughtless bootlegging.

Who would eventually benefit most from this panicky action? Surely not the growers, who tried the other method of selling previous to 1923, and proved it unfruitful. Are we going to desert a sane marketing policy for one with which we were disgusted, and rejected seven years ago because of a world-wide economic depression?

We have a capable management and board of directors of unimpeachable integrity working for our best interests and who certainly need our encouragement and support. This is the time to show our faith in co-operative marketing. Interests opposed to the Pool are keenly watching developments; anxious to turn any weakness in our own organization to their profit. Their agents are canvassing the country, predicting all sorts of disasters for us; but apparently only offering as an alternative the old and rejected methods of marketing.

These are very trying times the world over. Surely under temporary economic

stress we do not wish to see torn down thoughtlessly, the structure that has taken years of unselfish co-operation and idealism to build.

—Pool Contractors No. 8617.

Estimated World's Wheat Requirements

Broomhall estimates world requirements for season August 1st, 1930, to July 31st, 1931, as follows:

Europe, 608,000,000, against 492,000,000 for season 1929 to 1930; ex-Europe, 128,000,000 against 144,000,000. The following will furnish these shipments:

	This year	Last year
U.S.A.....	144,000,000	156,000,000
Canada.....	240,000,000	208,000,000
Argentina.....	104,000,000	144,000,000
Australia.....	120,000,000	56,000,000
Hungary—		
Balkans.....	44,000,000	None
India.....	24,000,000	None
Others.....	12,000,000	72,000,000

Total.....736,000,000 636,000,000

The following countries will take the 608,000,000 bushels of wheat and flour allowed to Europe this season:

United Kingdom.....	232,000,000
France.....	56,000,000
Italy.....	80,000,000
Germany.....	48,000,000
Belgium-Holland.....	76,000,000
Greece.....	21,000,000
Scandinavia.....	15,000,000
Denmark.....	12,000,000
Others.....	67,000,000

Total.....608,000,000

Favor 100 Per cent Pool

Saskatchewan Wheat Pool members voted in favor of one hundred per cent pooling by legislation in the recent ballot taken on that question. The final returns showed 32,653 in favor and 12,991 opposed of the signed ballots returned. In addition there were 1968 unsigned ballots for the proposal as against 854 unsigned ballots against the proposal. Counting these unsigned ballots as well as those returned correct in all respects, the vote would stand 34,621 for the legislation against 13,845 opposed.

The next move contemplated by the advocates of one hundred per cent pooling in Saskatchewan is to approach the Government of that Province with the request that legislation be enacted to provide for compulsory pooling. It is understood that the legislation, even when enacted, should not become effective until a referendum among all grain growers of the Province should decide in favor of it by a two-thirds majority. The pooling legislation covered by the ballots is in no way directly related to the emergency proposal recently submitted to the Saskatchewan Government by the board of directors of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool.

Courage to Face Conditions

Red Deer Advocate.—Courage is the cornerstone of civilization, Glenn Frank says, and surely the farmers of Western Canada, men and women, are among those called upon these days for the ut-



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Oct. 11 Montreal	Minnedosa	Belfast	Glasgow	Antwerp
Oct. 15 Montreal	Montclare	Cherbourg	Southampton	Liverpool
Oct. 17 Montreal	Duchess of Richmond	Glasgow	Liverpool	
Oct. 24 Montreal	Duchess of Atholl	Liverpool		
Oct. 25 Montreal	Melita	Belfast	Glasgow	Antwerp
Oct. 29 Montreal	Montclair	Cherbourg	Southampton	Liverpool
Oct. 31 Montreal	Duchess of Bedford	Glasgow	Liverpool	
Nov. 5 Quebec	Empress of France	Cherbourg	Southampton	
Nov. 7 Montreal	Duchess of York	Glasgow	Belfast	Liverpool
Nov. 14 Montreal	Duchess of Richmond	Glasgow	Liverpool	
Nov. 15 Montreal	Montclair	Cherbourg	Southampton	Antwerp
Nov. 21 Montreal	Duchess of Atholl	Glasgow	Belfast	Liverpool
Nov. 26 Montreal	Duchess of Bedford	Glasgow	Belfast	Liverpool
Nov. 28 Montreal	Melita	Cherbourg	Southampton	
Dec. 5 Saint John	Duchess of York	Glasgow	Belfast	Liverpool
Dec. 12 Saint John	Duchess of Richmond	Glasgow	Belfast	Liverpool
Dec. 13 Saint John	Montclair	Cherbourg	Southampton	
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most of a brave front to face the conditions which the low prices of their products have brought upon them. The placing of the Pool advance price per bushel of wheat at 60 cents is discouraging, but it is safe. All that the Pool gets for its wheat comes to its members, and its sales are steady and uniform, so far as possible, even if the Pool does not always sell its main stock at what turns out afterwards to have been the highest prices of the season.

It is not the business of a newspaper man to advise farmers as to their policy and conduct, save insofar as these are affected by the permanent principles of character which build up humanity. The *Advocate* knows that some farmers prefer to play a lone hand; from that they gain at times, over the co-operative and brotherly farmers who takes his chances with his fellows: But none the less, the co-operative organizations of producers and consumers are building up, and must build up, to protect themselves so far as possible from powerful financial and economic groups which have been enabled for centuries and are able in new mergers of our day, because of smaller numbers and specially-trained minds, to hold their own and profit against the masses.

If Pool signatories, like all men of their word and bond, will have courage to see the game through; so far as their resources and credit allow, they will mount and pass the stile. The co-operative system, which takes in all municipally-owned utilities, scores of lines of production, many unions and societies of consumers, and hundreds of economic organizations of the joint stock type, is gradually increasing; it is only the question of gaining and holding for the masses the benefits which in past centuries, and in our day, have come and do come to those at the top.

Let us have courage, and stand by our kind.

Perhaps Harry Lauder's song would be in order:

"Keep right on to the end of the road,
Keep right on to the end,
If the way be long, let your heart be strong,
Keep right on to the end.

If you're tired and weary, still journey on,
Till you come to your happy abode,
Where those you love and are dreaming of
Will be there—at the end of the road."

News and Views

The Canadian Trade Commissioner in Buenos Aires reports that for the season 1930-31, 20,139,000 acres have been planted to wheat in Argentina as compared with 19,430,000 acres in 1929-30. 19,376,000 acres is the annual average for the five years 1924-25 to 1928-29.

On August 29th, 142 points in Manitoba showed deliveries to Pool elevators of 6,389 loads and to all other elevators 3,290 loads. At Oakland, Manitoba, Pool elevator on August 27th the operator took in 185 loads of grain and loaded out ten cars with the assistance of only one man.

The 13th Annual International Congress of the Co-operative Alliance held at Vienna, Austria, the last week in August had an attendance of 600 delegates of the co-operative societies throughout the world, which count 55 million shareholding members in 31 countries. The Congress reviewed 35 years of history of the co-operative movement which originated in Rochdale, England.

Constituting a record in the history of western grain movement up to the present, from August 1st to September 6th, the Prairie Provinces have shipped 34,943,000 bushels of grain over Canadian Pacific lines. Next highest shipment was for the same period in 1929, when 18,099,000 bushels were carried. For the 24-hour period ending September 6, Canadian Pacific inspections totalled 1,069 cars. Manitoba marketed 1,370,000 bushels; Saskatchewan, 1,767,000 bushels; and Alberta, 1,639,000 bushels.

Calgary Herald.—Wheat growers of Alberta brought the Pool into being; its members have enabled it to reach its present predominating position in the marketing of the wheat crop of the

Province. It was a good work and a work well done. If by any chance at this time of crisis the Pool should fail, blame for its collapse would be chargeable to a disloyal membership. The *Herald* cannot believe that Alberta wheat growers in the Pool are so short-sighted as to wreck the organization which has already meant so much to them and which, adequately supported, promises to mean much more.

The following extract is taken from an editorial appearing in the August 30 issue of the *Moose Jaw Times-Herald*: "The strength of the Pool is in the integrity of the contract signers, and the strength of the character of a man is shown by what he will do though he may lose by doing it. The virtue in keeping a bond is in keeping it when to do so means a loss or a disadvantage. In the case of the Pool bond it should not mean a loss eventually, but it may mean a certain inconvenience and disadvantage for a few months. To say that there will be any wholesale repudiation of Pool contracts because of this disadvantage casts a serious reflection on all the Pool signers."

Jog on, Wheat Pool

(*Western Producer*)

Road gets rougher every mile;
Jog on, Wheat Pool, an' show some style.
Mule's gone lame an' the hens won't lay;
Corn's way down an' wheat don't pay;
Hogs no better, steers too cheap;
Cows quit milking, meat won't keep;
Oats all heated, spuds all froze;
Fruit crop's busted, wind still blows;
Sheep seem puny, an' I'll be durned,
Rye field's flooded, an' the hay stack's burned.

Looks some gloomy, I'll admit—
Jog on, Wheat Pool, we ain't done yit.

Coals is high an' crops is low;
Hail rates doubled, got no show;
Money's tighter, morals loose;
Bound to get us—what's the use?
Sun's not shinin' as it should;
Moon ain't lightin' like it could,
Air seems heavy, water punk;
Tests yer mettle; shows yer spunk;
No use stoppin' to debate;
Jog on, Wheat Pool, it's getting late.

Wheels all wobble; axle's bent;
Dashboard's broken, top all rent;
One shaft splintered, t'other sags;
Seat's all busted, end-gate drags;
May hang t'gether—b'lieve it will;
Careful drivin'll make it still.
Trot—gosh ding ye—that's the stuff,
Old trap's movin' right good speed—
Jog on, Wheat Pool, you're some old steed.
Road'll smooth out 'till it won't seem true;
Jog on, Wheat Pool, you'll pull us through.
—With apologies to W. H. Stark, Orange, Texas.

"The Darkest Hour Just Before the Dawn"

(Ferguson James, Rose Lynn, Alta.)

The sun slips down behind the Rocky Mountains,
The shadows creep across Alberta's plains,
There are twinkling lights in forty thousand farmsteads,
The homes of men, with red blood in their veins.
They signed a little yellow "scrap of paper,"
A solemn obligation they took on,
And now the trumpet calls and they must weather
The darkest hour, just before the dawn.

The idle talker says that they will "bootleg,"
And break their solemn pledge, destroy their bond.
He little knows the stuff that they are made of,
The brothers of the boys who sleep beyond.
The call to arms in war-time found them ready—
"A scrap of paper"—many dead and gone;
Their fathers, brothers, cousins, they'll look after,
The darkest hour, just before the dawn.

They keep their faith, those tillers of the wheat fields,
Their jaws are set, their heads erect and high.
As man to man they keep their obligation,
With them the Pool is safe, she'll never die,
Although her foes are many, strong and wealthy,
And world conditions threaten, chasms yawn;
Have faith and stiek together, clouds are lifting,
The darkest hour is just before the dawn.

CALGARY STOCK SHOW

The prize list for the Fall Stock Shows and Sales, to be held in Calgary, November 3rd, 4th and 5th, has been issued. Entries for the sales must be in the hands of the secretary of the Alberta Livestock Associations, Calgary, by October 4th, but entries for the show classes need not be made until October 25th:

Lill: "Did you improve financially after marrying?"
Toll: "Yes; my wife demanded money the first day, and I've been advancing steadily ever since."

When the Chief line S.S. Chief Capilano sailed from Vancouver Thursday, September 11th, direct for Shanghai, she carried the largest shipment of wheat ever loaded at that port. The vessel was taken by the Wheat Pool at a rate of \$3.50 along with a Japanese steamer at the same rate. Her charter called for 13,200 short tons of bulk wheat, or 440,000 bushels. The previous record for the port of Vancouver was held by the British S.S. Anglo-Chilean which loaded 418,000 bushels in November 1924, for the United Kingdom-continent, and closely following her was the American S.S. Manulani which loaded 408,000 bushels in March 1924, for the same destination.

The Poor Bootlegger

(Reprinted from *Western Producer*)

Editor, *The Western Producer*:

Dear Sir,—I saw him, the bootlegger, as he drove home with his empty wagon and his ill-gotten gains. He had a shifty look in his eyes; it was apparent he was not at ease with himself. Conscience was troubling him. He did not want to speak; he felt he could not face his fellow men. And no wonder!

For that extra 25 cents per bushel what had he done? Just think of the price he had paid. He was beginning himself to note this:

1. He had broken a contract of his own making, wherein he had pledged himself to his fellow-farmers to sell only to the Pool. Henceforth his name would be written in water, the name of one in whom no faith could be put; the name of one with whom it would be unsafe to have any contract dealings hereafter. It had taken him a lifetime to build up an honest reputation; to reach the place where he could look all men straight in the eye; he had been honest; now he was no longer to be enrolled among honest men. To him, the contract was but a scrap of paper; something to be observed when the returns were easy but disowned if not:

2. To break that contract he had had to sell the grain in his wife's name. He knew she had no land and no grain. Yet he lied deliberately. And he knew the elevator man knew he lied deliberately. That hurt. He had had to clear his throat then; he was not accustomed to this kind of thing apparently. But he did it.

3. He had not gone straight to the elevator; he took a round-about way; he did not want anyone to see him; he did not want anyone to know about it; he was ashamed of himself and he did not feel good. He knew he had caused that elevator man to commit a crime; the crime of aiding and abetting another to smash a contract. But that did not trouble him so much as the feeling that somehow he himself was all dirty; that he was no longer clean; he felt a stinker.

4. He had done it all for 25 cents a bushel—a handful of silver. He was now of the tribe of Judas. He felt the mark of the betrayal on his forehead and he understood why the Iscariot had gone out to hang himself. And as he drove long the wretched man seemed to hear the very birds sing "Just for a handful of silver he betrayed us."

Let's blot out his name—poor fellow! They bought him cheaply. They got both the wheat and the man's honor for that 25 cents per bushel.—Yours, etc., "A Spectator."

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NEWS FROM THE ALBERTA LIVESTOCK POOL

At the risk of tiring some of our readers, we will again harp on this matter of direct shipping to the plants.

In the month of August the local plants received 14,000 truck hauled hogs, while the stock yards received only 1,894 hogs through the same source.

We once thought the reason for direct delivery to the plants was that through the saving of yard and commission charges the producer got more, or at least as much; but we are now prepared to say that it isn't so. A checkup during the last two weeks reveals the fact that the prices paid at the plants for truck-hauled hogs were on an average 30 cents below the prices which obtained on our Stockyards.

And the competition does not end there; some of our packers receive hogs at their plants far beyond their requirements and are shipping hogs to Eastern Canada on a large scale and are quoting prices f.o.b. Montreal well below what any Commission firm (co-operative or otherwise) functioning on our yards can do!

When Producer Was Not Represented

Some of our members complain occasionally that the grading of our hogs on the yards is not always what it ought to be. Perhaps not, but if this can be so when the grading is done in the presence of at least one agent representing the producer, we wonder what takes place when neither the producer nor his agent is at all in the picture?

An evolution is taking place. Speed is on the throne. The modern farmer phones for the truck in the morning to take his hogs to market. He receives his cheque in the evening, and if the returns are not to his satisfaction he does not stop to reason why. He simply concludes that he must speed up some more and that he is not producing as efficiently as he

ought to be. (Our University professors can always prove for him that it is so.) He figures that he must trade in his 15.30 for a larger tractor and next year pull a four bottom plus harrows and drill—all at one clipp.

We seem to have oodles of producing ability but no brains at all to dispose of the things produced.

But of what avail is it to talk in this strain other than to relieve our own pent-up feelings. Our modern farmer in a hurry has no time to read *The U.F.A.* editorials, let alone scan its more obscure pages.

Our Next Convention

But how can we get an audience? It takes a vast amount of money, which we haven't got, to carry on country organization work. The enthusiasm which invariably accompanies something new has waned and the packer has adjusted himself to the new order of things. Yet we do not despair. We look forward to our next annual Convention settling down to a serious consideration of those things rather than dissipating its strength, as has been the case of recent years, reasoning with a faction from within who never had the co-operative ideal, and whom events have now shown to be antagonistic towards it.

Some changes have recently taken place in our Edmonton office. Mr. Redge Hibbert, who has had a long experience in co-operative marketing, has been installed as Chief Accountant. To those of our shippers and members who occasionally come to the market, and who are not yet acquainted with Mr. Hibbert, we wish to introduce him as an employee who will place his services very freely at the disposal of our members.

DONALD MacLEOD

Results of Junior Field Crop Competitions

The work of judging the Field Crop Competitions held by Junior U.F.A. Locals throughout the Province and of compiling the score averages, is now completed by the Alberta Department of Agriculture. Rossington Junior Local No. 10 has won the Provincial Championship for the highest average score obtained by any of the ten competing Locals. The average of its competitors was 78 points out of a possible 100 points. This Local will be awarded the Provincial Trophy donated by the Alberta Department of Agriculture.

The standing of the organizations was as follows: 1st, Rossington Local, 78; 2nd, Vermilion Local, 75.7; 3rd, Athabasca Local, 74; 4th, Balzac Local, 72.7; 5th, Wetaskiwin Local, 70; Tie—6th, Lethbridge Local, 67.8 and Naco-Sedalia Local, 67.8; 7th, Huxley Local, 67.4; 8th, Consort Local, 46.7; 9th, Camrose Local, 41.4.

In addition to the Provincial Trophy awarded the organization with the highest average score, the four highest ranking competitors in each Local will be awarded prizes of: 1st, \$10.00; 2nd, \$5.00; 3rd, \$3.00; 4th, \$2.00.

The Winners

The first prizes are donated by the Alberta Wheat Pool, the remainder by the Provincial Department of Agriculture. The winners of these prizes in each competition, together with the scores obtained by them are:

Zone No. 1 Lethbridge—Etbet Murray, 73; Bill Coupland, 72; Mary Graham, 69; Stanley Tiffen 66.

Zone No. 2 Naco-Sedalia—Violet Heatherington, 83; Joseph Thornton, 79; Claud Thornton, 79; Ellis Kleinscroth, 77.

Zone No. 3 Balzac—Harold Clayton, 98; Avery Clayton, 94; Jack Evans, 92; John Holmes, 91.

Zone No. 4 Huxley—John Fraser, 81; Avery Fraser, 80.5; Philip Fraser, 79; Bruce Cummings, 78.

Zone No. 5 Consort—Merton Isaacs, 87; Olive Greenfield, 86.5; Mable Anderson, 85; Dawn Anderson, 85.

Zone No. 6 Camrose—Paul Erickson, 94.5; Hazel Erickson, 92; Victor Blades, 91; Andrew Erickson, 89.

Zone No. 7 Wetaskiwin—Wilbur Crandall, 96; Frank Crandall, 95; Jos. R. Hoyle, 93.5; Harry Dearing, 93.

Zone No. 8 Vermilion—Ivor Holland, 89; Reg. Holland, 89; Grace Williams, 87; Ralph Schurman, 84.

Zone No. 9 Athabasca—Henry Labouski, 93.5; Doris McDonald, 92; Helen Cook, 91; Annie Cook, 91.

Zone No. 10 Rossington—Howard Rabb, 91; Jack Tempamy, 89.5; Hans Kronier, 88.5; Oscar Hauch, 87.5.

Creditable Showing

In view of the fact that for practically all the competitors, this was the first experience in work of this kind, the showing made by the competing Locals, as



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indicated above, is a creditable one, especially in the case of the competitors with the highest individual score in each Local. An analysis of the percentages secured affords a vivid illustration of the value of "team work." The success of the Rossington Local in securing the Provincial championship was undoubtedly due to the enthusiasm and energy displayed by all the individual competitors who comprised that Local and that team work alone made possible the average score of 78. Certain individuals in other Locals made splendid showings, but the general average of their Local was reduced by lower scores of their team mates.

The Competitions aroused much interest throughout the rural areas of Alberta. A total of approximately 500 boys and girls became entrants in the spring of 1930. Each one was donated a sack of Registered or Certified seed by the Alberta Wheat Pool. The shipping and distribution of this grain was supervised by the Field Crops Branch of the Alberta Department of Agriculture which sent out with each sample a letter giving instructions upon its seeding. During the mid-summer, field men of the Department visited each Competitor and gave those who wished it, information upon the roguing, trimming, and cleaning of their grain plots.

Immediately before harvesting the men selected to judge the Competitions were brought to the University of Alberta to attend a course on Grain Judging sponsored by the Dominion Seed Branch, in order that they might work upon a uniform basis in the judging and scoring of the fields. Following this course the crops in the different zones were visited and score cards completed upon them. These cards were then sent to the Department at Edmonton where the averages for the different Locals were compiled and selection of the prize winners was made.

Okotoks U.F.W.A. Local opened their last meeting by singing harvest hymns, followed by the reading of the club women's creed in unison. Mrs. W. C. Gibbard, president, writes that "Our roll call responses, on reminiscences, made a very interesting and friendly time. After our business had been attended to, the three daughters of our hostess, Mrs. McIntyre, served a delightful tea. Then Mr. Gough gave a most interesting account of early Pioneer Life, being the story of the arrival of her own family to the West in 1883. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all."

A special circular on the planting of peonies has been issued by the Prairie Nurseries, Ltd., of the Maclean Block, Calgary, in anticipation of "Peony Day," which is to be observed on October 1st. Copies may be obtained on application.

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